

Poverty

- **Ministry of Planning Development and Reforms** on Wednesday informed the Senate that about **29.5** per cent of the country's population is living below the poverty line.
- In a written reply, the ministry said that **approximately 55 million people are living below the poverty line** and the ratio is calculated by using the latest available **estimates of Household Integrated Economic Survey data (HIES) 2013-14**.

The Cost of Basic Needs (CBN) method determines the poverty line by using minimum consumption bundle comprised of food and non-food essential consumables necessary to live.

In this regard, a food poverty line is calculated by taking the average spending on food of households, based on **minimum threshold of 2,350 level of calorie intake** and calculates expenditure on non-food items like shelter, clothing, education and health, to obtain a CBN poverty line, which can be regularly updated for inflation, using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to track poverty over time.

This poverty line is translated into a monthly Rs 3,030 per adult, he added

SDG

On Sept 25, 2015 Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif joined other heads of governments at the UN to adopt the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which chart the way to a more sustainable future. The SDGs lay out the path ahead with unprecedented detail 17 goals, 169 targets and specific indicators for each target

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1. India and Iran agreed in 2003 to develop a port at Chabahar on the Gulf of Oman, near Iran's border with Pakistan, but the venture has made little progress because of western sanctions on Iran. India has already spent about \$100 million to construct a 220-km (140-mile) road in western Afghanistan to link up with Chabahar port.
1. The Rs13 billion GwadarTurbat-Hoshab Road (M-8) Hoshab, about 90km from Turbat is part of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).
2. Although he brokered the first Israeli-Arab peace treaty during his presidency, Carter outraged many Israelis with his 2006 book `Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid